

8. **Sound and Estuarine System Islands**

BACKGROUND

There are several sound and estuarine islands under the jurisdiction of Kill Devil Hills including Walker Island. These estuarine islands provide habitat for marine and aquatic life and are important for food production.

A policy identical to the policy which follows was included in the 1993 Update and similar strategies for its implementation were carried out by the Town.

POLICY

The Town supports the preservation of the current undeveloped state of sound and estuarine islands under the jurisdiction of Kill Devil Hills.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The Town will continue to recognize 404 Wetlands and CAMA regulations and will consider purchase of sound and estuarine islands within the next five years.

The Town will work with the Nature Conservancy regarding the purchase of sound and estuarine islands using grants and capital reserve funds.

9. **Restriction of Development within Areas Up to Five Feet Above Mean High Water**

BACKGROUND

Existing regulations are deemed adequate.

A policy identical to the policy which follows was included in the 1993 Update and the strategies for its implementation -- also identical -- were carried out by the Town.

POLICY

The Town supports the restriction of development within areas up to five feet above mean high water susceptible to sea level rise and wetland loss.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The Town will enforce requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. It will enforce existing regulations regarding structure elevations and enforce base flood regulations--requiring elevation certificates and other requirements stipulated in Chapter 8, Flood Damage Prevention, of the Town Code.